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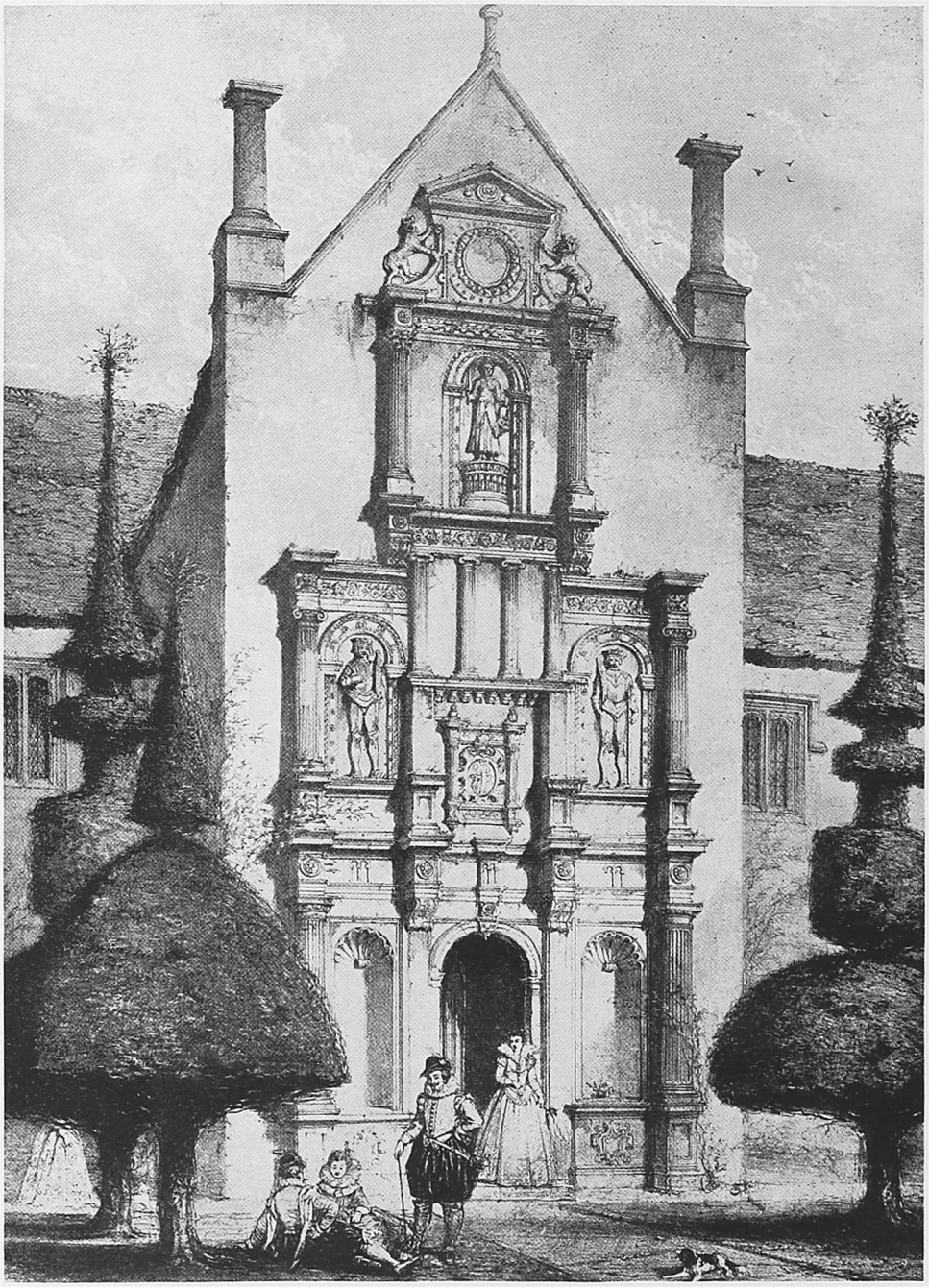
OLD ENGLISH ESTATES

WATERSTONE, DORSETSHIRE

Earl of Ilchester

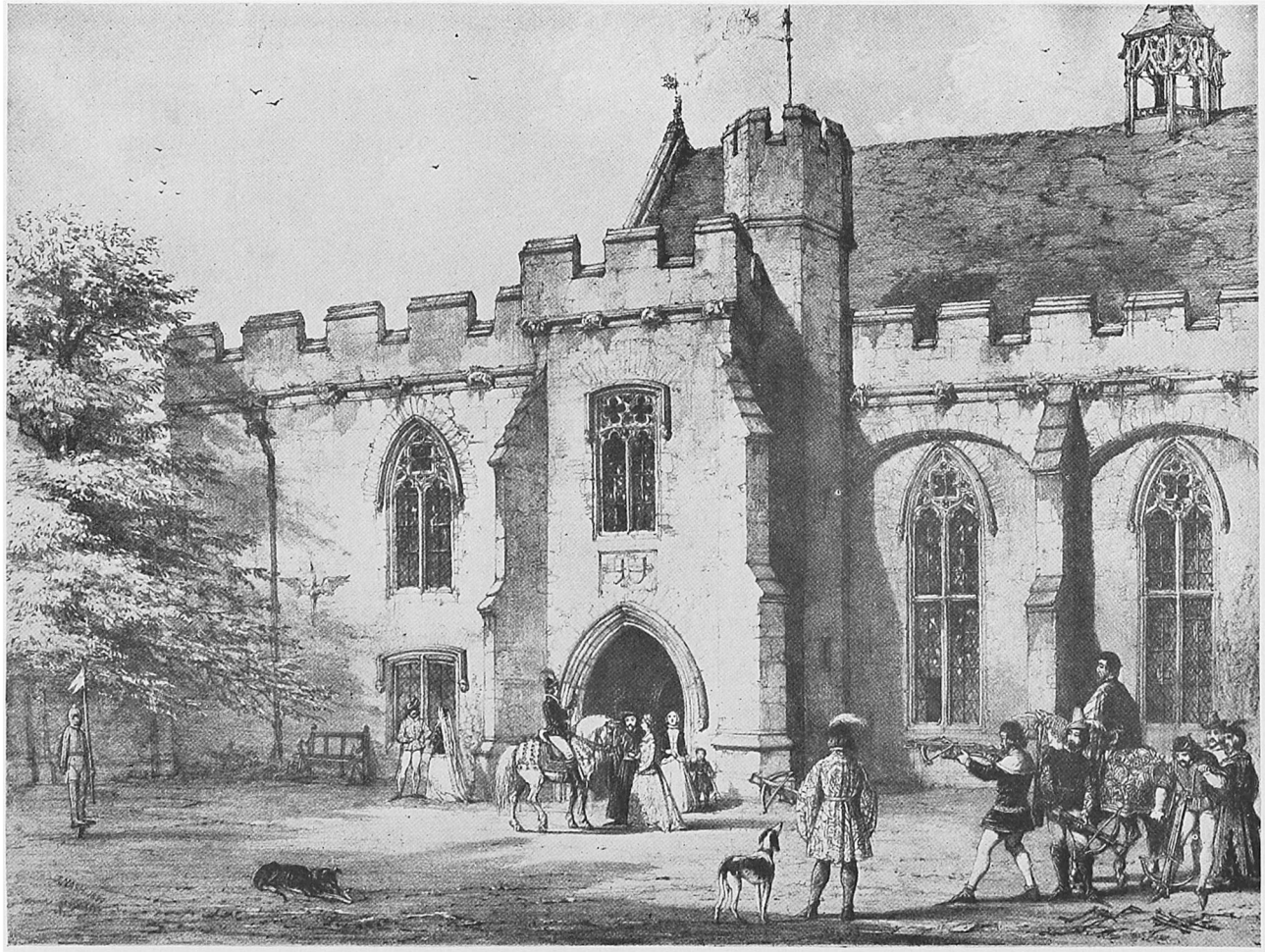
THIS is a purely ornamental Italian renaissance screen, an example of the decoration of a flat wall surface that was built long before the ornate screen was applied. For the house is an old English structure, while the screen shows successively from the bottom up, the Doric, Ionic and Corinthian orders freely treated.



PENSHURST, KENT

Lord de L'Isle and Dudley

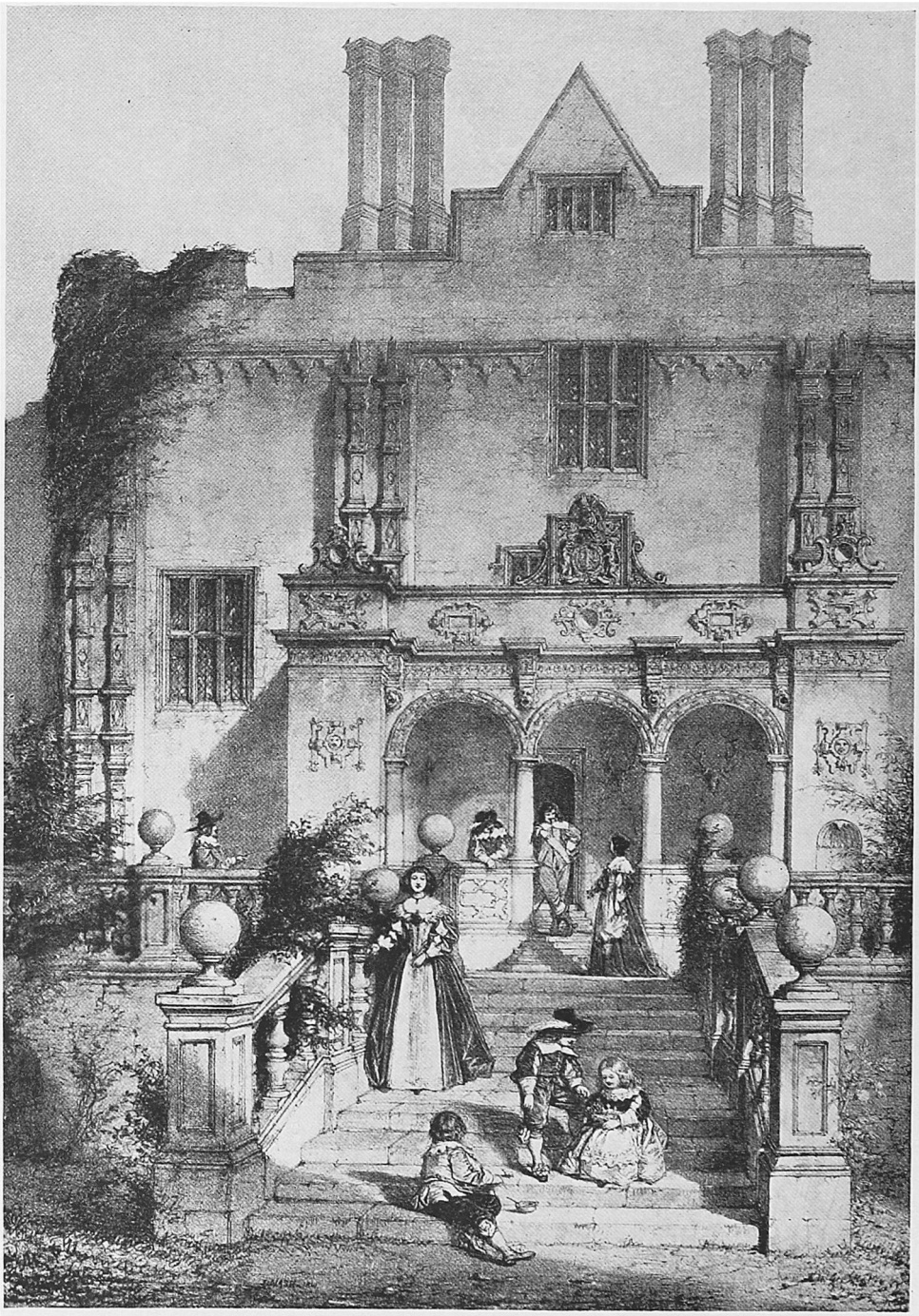
THIS is a representation of the exterior of the great hall at Penshurst, the antiquity of which is suggested by the costumes, the cross-bow practice of some of the men shown in the picture and by the man on horseback who evidently has just returned from hawking and is telling of the exploits of his bird.



CRANBOURNE, DORSETSHIRE

Marquis of Salisbury

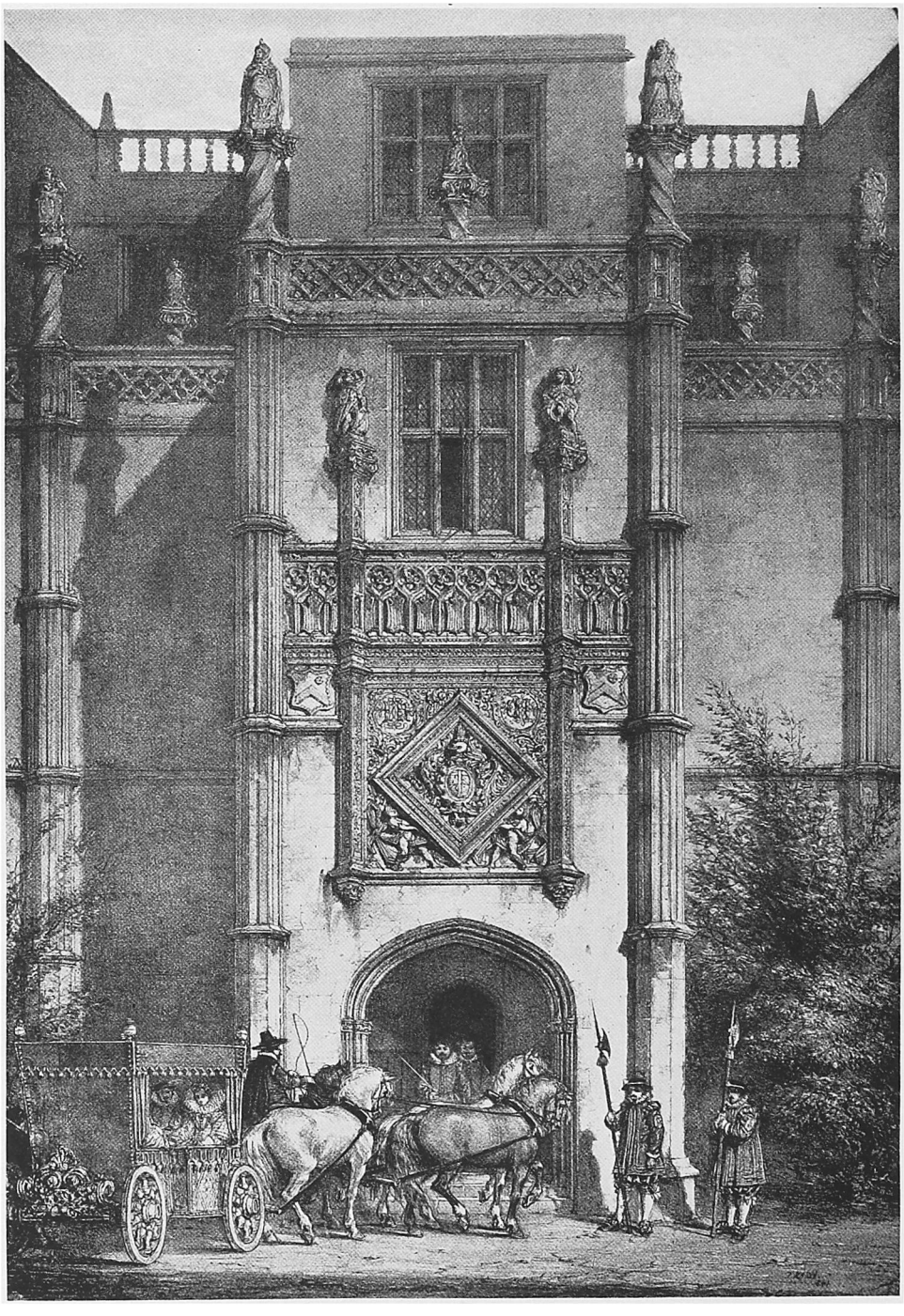
THE Salisbury family take their second title of Viscount Cranbourne from this place, which is of high antiquity, having been famous in Saxon and Norman times for its monastery, chase and lords. Cranbourne is still the capital of a hunt to which it gives its name.



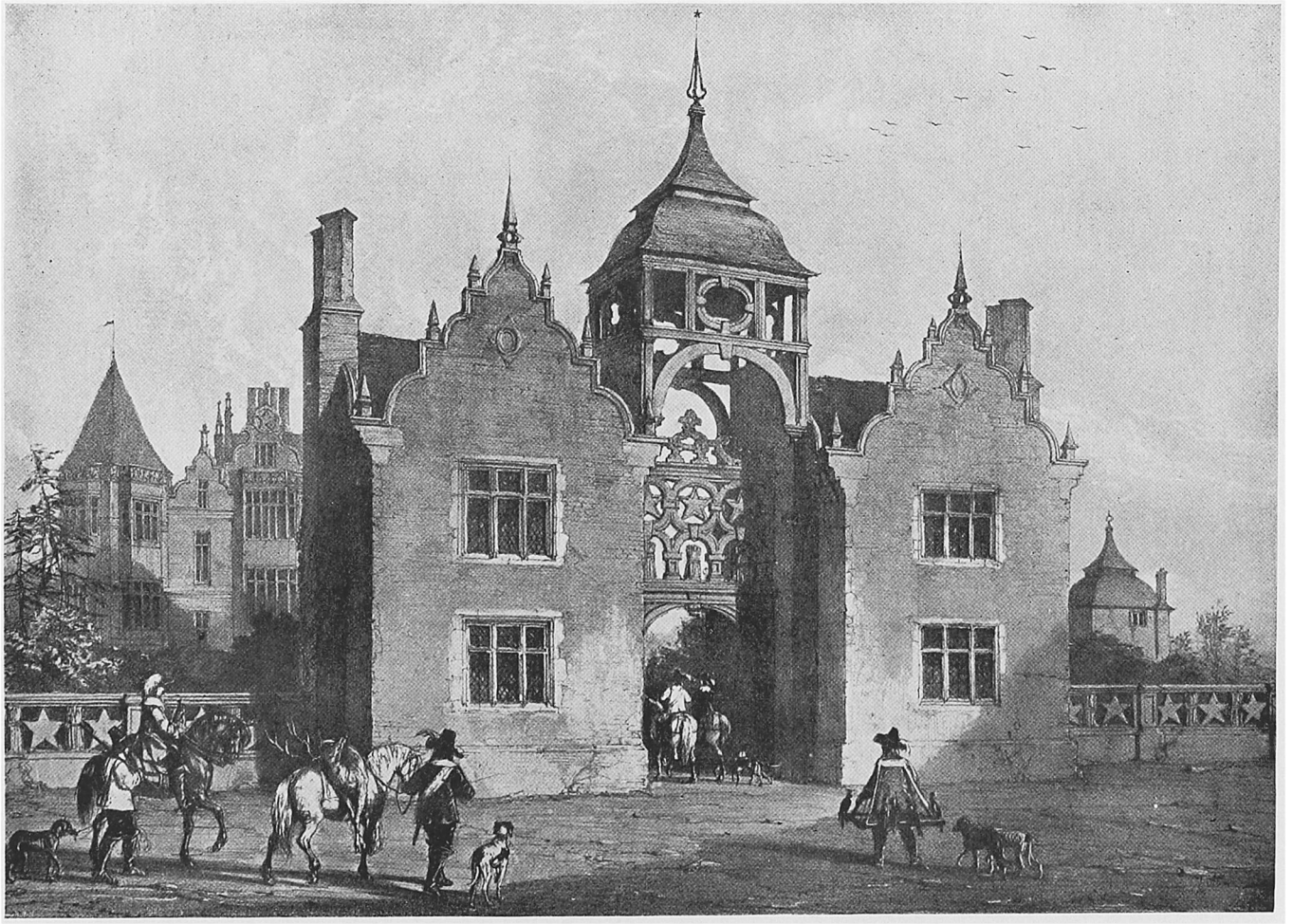
MONTACUTE, SOMERSETSHIRE

Ancient Seat of the Philips Family

THIS ancient seat of the Philips family shows that mixture of styles which we appear to have derived from England and which, however the purist may inveigh against it, is more interesting than a style severely pure. In general the "feeling" of this west porch of Montacute is Italian, but suggestions of earlier Gothic are not wanting.



WESTWOOD, WORCESTERSHIRE

Ancient Seat of the Packington Family

WESTWOOD, a vast and interesting pile, about a mile-and-a-half from the town of Droitwich, was built in the reign of Henry VIII. In spite of additions subsequently made to its exterior, its ancient character has undergone no material alteration and it remains a fine example of a Tudor country-seat.